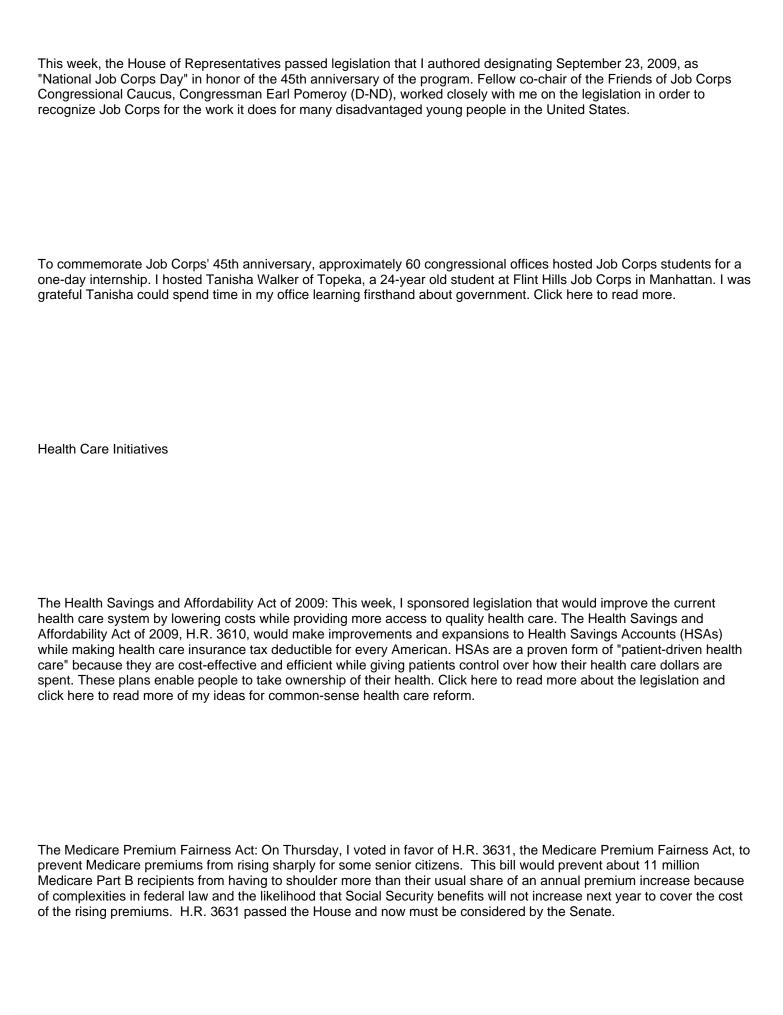
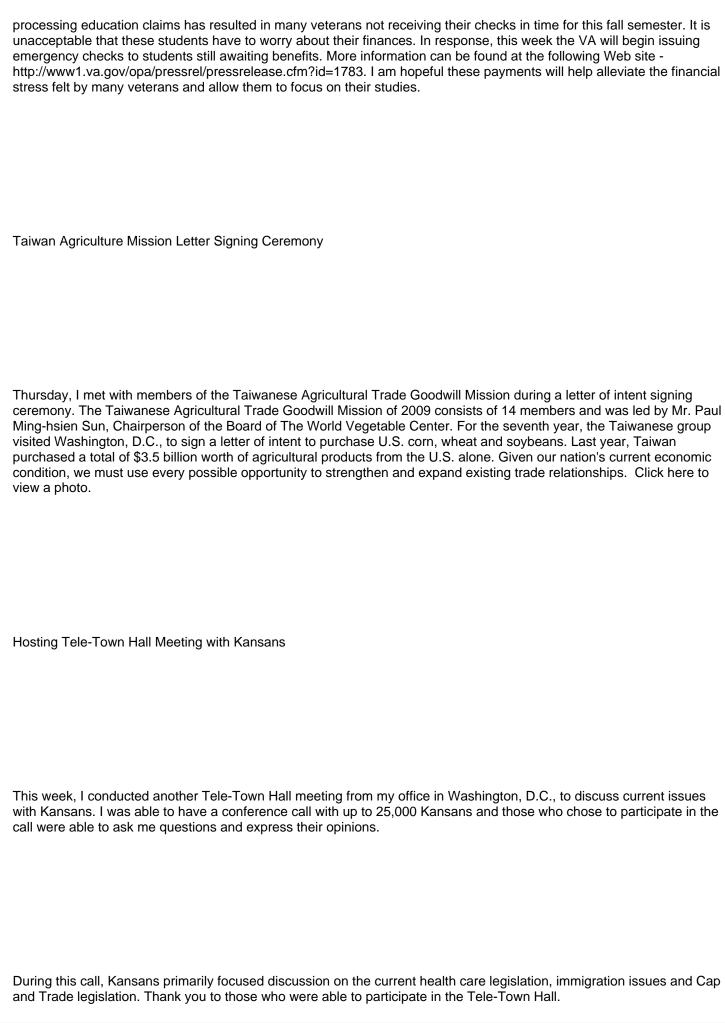
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Dear Friend,
Welcome to "This Week in Congress."
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On Friday, the world learned that Iran has at least one other nuclear facility in addition to the one already known to exist in Natanz. This week's revelation that Iran has built a secret nuclear facility to enrich uranium makes the need for tough action against the regime even more urgent. International inspections at Iran's Natanz facility had previously made known that Iran had nearly enough low-enriched uranium that if further processed could produce two nuclear weapons. Now, it is impossible to know the true extent of Iran's nuclear program. There is absolutely no margin of error when it comes to U.S. policy and world response. We must act without delay and with unfailing purpose to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.
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The House Veterans Affairs Committee has worked with the VA to provide the resources to ensure timely implementation of these benefits for veterans. Despite assurances from the VA that implementation was on schedule, delays in



Since 2007, I have served as the Honorary Chairman for the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run. Kansas Law Enforcement officers cover hundreds of miles in the Torch Run throughout the state each year and raise thousands of dollars in support of Special Olympics Kansas programs. By supporting Special Olympics, we provide encouragement and an avenue for those with disabilities to grow personally, as well as within their communities.

Visiting Kansas State University
Dr. Flinchbaugh's Ag Policy Class: This week, I made a surprise visit to Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh's Agriculture Policy class at Kansas State University to talk about my role as a member of Congress and about the importance of federal agriculture tax and trade policy to our state. Dr. Flinchbaugh has been a professor at K-State since 1971 and has focused his teaching on national agricultural and economic policy. During my surprise visit to his class, I discussed how agriculture is a vital part of the Kansas economy. The success of Kansas agriculture and the future of our state go hand in hand. It is essential that we have in place sound public policy to enable the next generation of farmers and ranchers to succeed. It was also a good opportunity for me to take questions from our state's future farmers and ranchers and I enjoyed the dialogue I was able to have with Dr. Flinchbaugh and his students.
College of Agriculture Town Hall: While on the K-State campus, I hosted a one-on-one town hall with students in the College of Agriculture to discuss agriculture policy. I was glad to speak with students and take their questions about federal issues impacting farmers and ranchers in the state. Thank you to the students who participated in the town hall.
Kappa Kappa Gamma Dad's Day Luncheon: Before the football game on Saturday, I attended a Dad's Day Luncheon with my daughter Alex who is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Throughout the school year, the sorority hosts events for families to be involved with Kappa activities. It was good getting to meet other Kappa family members and spending time with my daughter.
Kansas State University vs. Tennessee Tech Football Game: Also on Saturday, I attended the Kansas State University football game against Tennessee Tech with my family. I joined thousands of cheering K-State fans during the university's annual celebration of Fort Riley Day to support the Wildcats. I commend the team for their efforts and wish Coach Bill Snyder and the team success in 2009. It was good to visit K-State President, Dr. Kirk Schulz, and meet his wife Noel and their family. We also joined General Vincent Brooks, the Commanding General of Fort Riley, and his wife.

Deadline for U.S. Service Academy Nominations Approaching
Kansas students are reminded that the application deadline for U.S. Service Academies is approaching. I am accepting applications for nominations to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Those selected will enter the academies in June 2010. My application deadline is November 1, 2009. For more information about U.S. Service Academies, visit the "Services" section of my website, or click here.
In the Office
Zack and Robyn Odell of Kiowa, Paul Cooper of Hutchinson, Robert and Brandon Koch of Holyrood, Carl Krehbiel of Moundridge, Brian and Robin Boisvert of Wilson, Nathan DeWitt of Madison and Michael Rice of Wamego were in with the Kansas Telecommunications Industry Association to discuss the importance of the Universal Service Fund and potential changes to the USDA's Rural Utility Service to improve telecommunications services in Kansas. John Wade of Overland Park was in with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society to visit.
Earl Carter of Augusta and Joe Newberry of Derby were in with the Council of Engineers and Scientists Organizations to talk about issues important to the aviation industry in Kansas. Jim Turner of Topeka; Ron Romig, President of Citizens Savings of Leavenworth; and John Dicus, President of Capitol Federal of Topeka were in with the Heartland Community Bankers Association to discuss legislation to add additional regulations on the financial services industry. Herb Swender of Chanute was in to visit.

Linda Radke of Salina and Amber Lucas of Olathe were in with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists to explain to me the role of pharmacists in health care reform Chad Moore of Kansas City and Dave Sanford of Wichita were in with Children's Mercy Family Health Partners to visit about access to quality health care. Larry Beam of Topeka was in with the Health Occupations Students of America to discuss emergency preparedness and health care training.
John Kirgan and Rita Jones of Gardner, Gay Cornell of Coffeyville, Sue Landers of Topeka and Sue Jirkovsky-Landers of Tecumsah were in with the Cancer Action Network to advocate for legislative solutions to combat and treat cancer. Sunnee Mickle of Topeka was in with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas to talk about health care reform. Blake West of Overland Park, Mark Farr of Nickerson and Verlean Brown of Wichita were in with the Kansas National Education Association to discuss education and health care issues in Kansas.
Prairie Village Mayor Ron Shaffer, City Administrator Quinn Bennion, Assistant City Administrator Dennis Enslinger and NE Johnson County Chamber of Commerce member Rob Johnson of Prairie Village were in to update me on issues important to the city of Prairie Village. Bob Ricordan and Kevin Travelstead of Overland Park were in with Black and Veach to advocate for opportunities to bring broadband internet to rural communities.
Several Kansans visited my Washington, D.C., office for a tour of the United States Capitol, including Stan and Jeanne Pangrac of Emporia, Kevin Threlkel of Hays and Zoa Rowlison of Newton.
Very truly yours,
Jerry